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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2003, transmitted herewith for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application are the following items:

1. an Amendment and Response to Office Action; and
2. a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time.

There are no claim fees associated with this amendment. Authorization has been given to charge the \$55.00 fee associated with a one-month extension of time to deposit account no. 50-1402.

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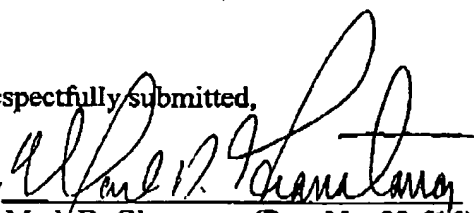
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Respectfully submitted,

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